

exceeding Five Years, to any Person or Persons, who are, or shall be inclined to purchase the Time or Servitude of such Debtor or Debtors; and that the respective Sheriffs, in whose Custody the aforesaid Debtors, or any of them are, be, and are hereby authorized and obliged to summon Two Justices of the Peace in the respective Counties, at the Request of the said Persons, as soon as conveniently may be after the Receipt of this Act, and, after giving Five Days Notice at the Court-Houses of the respective Counties, of the intended Sale of such Debtor or Debtors, expose to Sale, in the Presence of the said Justices, such Debtor or Debtors, and the Time of his, or their Servitude, to the highest Bidder; and the Money arising from such Sale, shall be as Effects of such Debtor or Debtors, in the Hands of the respective Sheriffs, subject as aforesaid, to a Distribution in Manner aforesaid; and the Sale and Service of such Debtor or Debtors, as aforesaid, is hereby directed to be taken as a full and sufficient Acquittal and Discharge against all Debts due from such Debtor or Debtors, before such Sale: Provided, that in case it shall appear to the Satisfaction of the said Justices, that any of the said Debtors have offered, since their Confinement, to make Satisfaction to their Creditors by Servitude, and that their Creditors have refused to accept the same, that the Time such Debtors have been confined in Prison shall be deemed and taken as Part of the aforesaid five Years, and that they shall be obliged to serve only for such Time as will compleat five Years from the Day of their Commitment to Prison: And that in Case any such single Persons, as aforesaid, have been confined in Prison for five Years, or any longer Time, that the said Persons, so confined, shall be discharged upon the same Terms, and in the same Manner, that Persons having Families are by this Act directed to be discharged."

Should the Bill pass with this Clause, none of the Objects of it will have Reason to complain of any Hardship from the Law, for it will be left to their Option to accept or refuse the Terms proposed, and, on their Refusal, they will remain in their present State; and we presume that no Diversity of Opinion on this Head, will obstruct the Passage of the Bill, not only because its Mis carriage can be of no possible Advantage to any of the Prisoners, but, because it would prevent such of the Prisoners as are not involved or concerned in the Clause, from receiving the Relief which their unhappy Situation, and the Circumstances of their Connections call for.

Signed by Order,

U. SCOTT, Cl. Up. Ho.

And the Bill entitled, *An Act for the Benefit of the Poor, and Encouragement of Industry*: And the following Message, viz.

By the UPPER HOUSE of ASSEMBLY, November 30, 1765.

GENTLEMEN,

THE Bill entitled, "An Act for the Benefit of the Poor, and Encouragement of Industry," being amended, agreeable to the Proposal made by your Message of Yesterday, will meet with the Concurrence of this House.

Signed by Order,

U. SCOTT, Cl. Up. Ho.

On Motion, The Question was put, That the Amendments proposed by the Upper House to the Bill entitled, *An Act for the Relief of sundry languishing Prisoners, &c.* be concurred with by this House? Resolved in the Affirmative.

For the AFFIRMATIVE.

Messieurs	{	Plater,	Parran,	Sullivan,	Hyland,	Wright,
		Key,	Hanson,	R. Goldsborough,	Ward,	Allen,
		Wolfenholme,	Dent,	Travers,	Beall,	Harris,
		Ringgold,	Wilson,	Lee,	Jacob,	Selby,
		Lloyd,	J. Adams,	J. Hall,	Tyler,	F. Gantt,
		Worthington,	Edmondson,	Earle,	Tilghman,	Chapline,
		Johnson,	Gibson,	Baker,	J. Hollyday,	Smith.
		Grahame,				

For the NEGATIVE.

Mess. Buchanan,	Smallwood,	Ware,	Cockey Deye,	Chafe.
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Which Bill was accordingly Amended, and passed for Ingrossing.

The Bill entitled, *An Act for the Benefit of the Poor, and Encouragement of Industry*; was Read, with the Amendments proposed by this House, and agreed to by the Upper House, and altered accordingly. The said Bill was passed for Ingrossing.

Daniel Dulany, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker, a Petition of the Inhabitants in the Southern Quarter of *St. Paul's* Parish, in the Counties of *Queen-Anne's* and *Talbot*: Indorsed, "By the Upper House of Assembly; Referred to the Consideration of the Lower House of Assembly."

Which Petition was Read the first Time, and Ordered to lie on the Table.

The Bill entitled, *An Additional Supplementary Act to the Act for the Encouragement of Learning, and Erecting Schools in the several Counties within this Province*: Was Read, and Referred to the Consideration of next Assembly.

The House adjourns till the Morrow Morning at IX of the Clock.

TUESDAY.